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asked him to write the same to you by the mail leaving Cape Town on Wednesday, the 20th instant.

A Portuguese doctor, an old friend of mine, has just informed me that Dr. Hornabrook has not yet discovered in Magude, or in Marraquene, the characteristic germ of the plague.

Respectfully,

W. STANLEY HOLLIS,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure—Translation.]

LORENZO MARQUEZ, *September 18, 1899.*

ILLUSTRIOUS AND EXCELLENT SIR: I have the honor to communicate to your excellency, by order of his excellency the governor-general of the Province, that the epidemic which it was supposed was extinct, inasmuch as no case had appeared since the 30th of last month, has reappeared in Magude.

The individuals attacked are isolated, all the inhabitants of the village are in quarantine, and all their houses, clothes, and other susceptible substances have been burned.

By such means the epidemic is localized, and more precautions will be taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

The cases reported are in Uanhana and Chibanga, county of Magude. God guard your excellency.

ANTONIO DE LOURA RIBERIO,
Secretary-General.

ILLUSTRIOUS AND EXCELLENT SENOR,
The Consul of the United States of America.

Disease at Magude thought to be plague.

LORENZO MARQUEZ, *September 23, 1899.*

SIR: Referring to my dispatch No. 87, of the 18th instant, I have the honor to report that yesterday I had a long talk with Dr. Barreiros, the chief of the military and civil hospital here, and was informed by him that, in his opinion, the disease in Magude was plague.

In reply to my questions, he said that he had not himself seen the disease in Magude; that Dr. Hornabrook had not seen the disease in Magude; that no microscopical examination had been made of any blood, lymph, or other secretions from any patient, and, further, that there was not in Portuguese East Africa the necessary instruments for or a man competent to make a microscopical search for plague germs. Thus, with Dr. Barreiros, it is a matter of opinion. He has never seen an authenticated case of the plague, but he has read of the symptoms, and the symptoms of the disease in Magude are, in his opinion, identical with those of the plague. So here the matter lies. Dr. Barreiros says that there is plague; the governor-general says that there is no plague. Whatever it is, Magude is a long distance off, and Lorenzo Marquez is undoubtedly free from any suspicious disease.

Respectfully,

W. STANLEY HOLLIS,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

BARBADOS.

Quarantine information.

BARBADOS, *October 28, 1899.*

SIR: I have to report that this government has declared Alexandria, Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, Mauritius, Oporto, Santos, and the State of Paraguay, to be infected with bubonic plague; St. Thomas has